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1. IN OUR VIEW, SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AUTHORIZED BEFORE GREECE'S WITHDRAWAL FROM CERTAIN NATO ACTIVITIES AND COMMITMENTS (WHICH WE WOULD DATE AS STARTING FROM AUGUST 14, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VIEW OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT) WOULD REPRESENT, OR COME CLOSE TO REPRESENTING, A DECISION BY OTHER ALLIES ON GREECE'S PARTICIPATION IN INFRASTRUCTURE ACTIVITIES. WE THINK THIS IS PREMATURE, AND THAT THE INITIATIVE ON GREECE'S PARTICIPATION IN INFRASTRUCTURE SHOULD, AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT, BE LEFT TO GREECE, AND TO WHETHER GREECE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE AVAILABLE OR EMPLOY INFRASTRUCTURE-FINANCED FACILITIES TO THE BENEFIT OF NATO. AT THE SAME TIME, UNCERTAINTY ABOUT FUTURE GREEK PARTICIPATION IN THE BROAD RANGE OF NATO DEFENSE-RELATED ACTIVITIES WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT AT THIS TIME TO CONSIDER NEW INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR GREECE.

2. ACCORDINGLY, IN RESPONSE TO PARA 7 REFTTEL, WE SUPPORT CONTINUATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE PAYMENTS TO GOG FOR PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE P AND P COMMITTEE. AS REGARDS NEW GREEK PROJECTS, WE SUPPORT THE INFORMAL IS PROCEDURE

INITIATED BY LUNS WHEREBY THESE ARE KEPT OFF THE AGENDA PENDING CLARIFICATION OF GREEK INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO NATO ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM.

3. REQUEST MISSION KEEP WASHINGTON POSTED ON WHETHER IS PROCEDURE IS EFFECTIVE, AND ADVISE US IF IT RUNS RISK OF EMBARRASSMENT WITH GREECE OR OTHER ALLIES.

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